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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on 8/29/03 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following omission(s) or provision is required. Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment document containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ELEMENTS(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 - ☐ C. Other _____
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 - ☐ B. Other _____
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings: _____
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☒ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (incl. withdrawn claims)
 - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.
 - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order. *example*
 - ☒ E. Other: Cancelled claim should be present (1-8 Cancelled)

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, and since the amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to be compliant with 37 CFR 1.121(e), applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice within which to amend the amendment to be compliant with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. THE CONDITIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD are the same as those of the TIME PERIOD of a FINAL REJECTION.

If the amendment is a reply to a FINAL REJECTION, this may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

Amendments Filed
Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE)

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed
September 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include
an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper
- Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.